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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU TRIP

1. SOVIET COUNSELLOR PESHCHERSKY APPROACHED ME AT OCT. 26 RECEPTION TO SAY THAT HE HAD HEARD RUMOR ABOUT A POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU TRIP TO US AND WONDERED IF IT WERE TRUE. I REPLIED THAT I KNEW OF NOTHING NEW. AS I HAD TOLD HIM IN PAST, CEAUSESCU'S 1970 TRIP TO US WAS UNOFFICIAL TIE-ON TO UN VISIT AND A STATE VISIT WOULD PRESUMABLY OCCUR SOMEDAY IN RETURN FOR PRESIDENT'S 1969 VISIT HERE. PESHCHERSKY THEN ASKED IF THIS MEANT VISIT THIS YEAR DEFINITELY WOULD NOT OCCUR. I SAID NOTHING IN WORLD WAS COMPLETELY DEFINITE BUT I KNEW OF NO SUCH PLANS. PESHCHERSKY SEEMED SKEPTICAL OF HIS INFORMATION HIMSELF AND DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO TALK OF POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU TRIP TO US IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS WHATSOEVER AND ABOVE QUERY WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE HAS BETTER CONTACTS IN ROMANIA THAN IS SOMETIMES THOUGHT. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO TALK IN DIP CORPS, ONE OTHER AREA OF POTENTIAL LEAK EMERGED, NAMELY INCOME TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WHERE ROMANIAN NEGOTIATOR TOLD US NEGOTIATOR NATHAN GORDON THAT TREATY SHOULD BE READIED FOR POSSIBLE SIGNATURE DURING CEAUSESCU VISIT IN "LATE NOVEMBER" WITHOUT INDICATING ANY SENSITIVITY TO INFORMATION. WE HAVE INFORMED MFA OF BOTH INCIDENTS AND TOLD GORDON TO HOLD THIS INFO TIGHTLY UNLESS ADVISED BY EMBASSY TO CONTRARY.

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3. DRAFT OF BUCHAREST 3931 ON TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS ORIGINALLY HAD SENTENCE FROM GORDON TO PATRICK AND FEINBERG OF TREASURY CONCERNING NEED TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU TRIP (ROMANIANS PLAN TO

SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON ABOUT NOVEMBER 15 TO CLEAR UP
REMAINING DETAILS). ALTHOUGH GORDON NOW ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON,
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS TIMING OF TREATY AND
SENSITIVITY WITH WHICH ROMANIANS REGARD CEAUSESCU'S TRIP
AT THIS STAGE.
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